

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following paragraph:

The washing machine 50 is controlled to allow the user to pre-add a wash additive such as bleach to the reservoir 130 at or before starting the wash cycle[.] ~~The, wherein the~~ additive is then dispensed from reservoir 130 to annular space 92 at a predetermined dispense time during the wash cycle. In the process flow to be described, the additive will be dispensed when about 2/3 of the wash cycle is complete. It is to be understood, however, that an optimal dispense time can be defined for different wash additives and the method adjusted accordingly. When the dispense time is reached, controller 138 activates water valves 152 to introduce water into reservoir 130, diluting the additive and raising the fluid level of diluted additive in reservoir 130 to a point where a siphoning action of the diluted additive begins. Conduit 132 delivers the diluted additive to annular space 92 between tub 64 and basket 70 so that the additive is not applied directly on the articles being washed. Basket 70 is held stationary during dispensing of the additive to facilitate avoiding splashing of the additive. The duration of the additive dispensing portion of the wash cycle is sufficient to fill and completely flush an empty reservoir 130 even at low inlet water pressures. In installations where the water flow rates are sufficiently high to overfill reservoir 130, the excess flow is allowed to escape reservoir 130 through overflow port 136. Overflow is also delivered to annular space 92 between tub 64 and basket 70. Reservoir 130 is filled and flushed in every wash cycle, regardless of whether or not the consumer uses a wash additive.